cast have been found sufficiently accurate; if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to improve the performance in this regard;

(b) by when the super computer would start functioning and give weather forecast; and

(c) what system is being followed presently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The newly set up Supercomputer is using the global meteorological data received in New Delhi which is identical to the one available in any other meteorological office in the world. Any geo-physical observation such as upper air data has intrinsic uncertainty and hence often is a matter of subjective assessment even among experts. Data quality both national and international are therefore kept under close scrutiny and review.

(b) The Supercomputer is already functional and is being used for the development of suitable atmospheric models for medium range weather forecasting *i.e.* for the period 3 to 10 days in advance. As no readymade models for forecasting of monsoon exist anywhere in the world, these have, therefore, to be developed in India and could take a few years.

(c) Presently India Meteorological Department issues weather forecast on short-range time scale, i.e. for period 1 to 3 days in advance and long-range time scale, *i.e.* for a season in advance. The short-range forecasts are based on a combination of synoptic methods and guidance from limited area numerical models. The long-range seasonal forecasts are based on newly developed parametric model which takes into account a large number of regional and global parameters.

Implementation of pay Scales for Homoeopathic Pharmacists/Compounders

2640. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eligibility criteria for appointment as homoeopathic pharmacists/compounders under CGHS, DHS, NDMC and MCD is Matriculation or equivalent, with at least two years' experience as a homoeopathic Pharmacists;

(b) if so, the number of departments whether the Pay scale of Rs. 1350-2200, recommended by the IVth Central Pay Commission, have not been implemented so far; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement the recommended pay scale, where not implemented, so as to remove the existing disparity among the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment/Promotion of Persons Declared Successful in 1981

2641. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of details, together with date of appointment/promotion of persons declared successful as a result of an examination held in 1981 for LSG;

(b) what is the merit-wise position in the waiting list, if any; whether it is a fact that no merit-list is kept, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that persons belonging to 1966 batch were promoted as Regular Supervisors, whereas those of 1962 batch were ignored; if so, the names of persons who were denied promotion and the rerasons therefor;